

In the present application, a reference to prior applications was included as the first sentence of the specification as of the filing date of the present application although, as mentioned above, one application was inadvertently omitted. Nonetheless, the claim of priority was acknowledged by the Office and the present application was appropriately scheduled for publication based on the originally submitted priority information. Applicants further note that the earliest effective filing date in the original reference is the same as the earliest effective filing date in the amended reference.


Thus, because the appropriate information for the purpose of scheduling publication was timely presented, and acknowledged by the Office, Applicants believe that no petition fee should be required in the instant application. However, if the Office determines that a petition fee is necessary, please charge the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t), and any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

The entire delay between the date that the priority claim was due and the date the corrected priority claim was filed was unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,

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